

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 23 has been added. Claims 10-21 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-9 and 23 are pending and under consideration.

ADVISORY ACTION

In the Advisory Action mailed on October 19, 2007, the Examiner noted that all claims still stand rejected. Accordingly, claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Orszulik (WO 01/59196) hereinafter "Orszulik") in view of Oh et al. (US 6,116,061) (hereinafter "Oh").

NEW CLAIM

Claim 23 has been added to present an additional feature of the present invention. Support for this amendment may be found in at least paragraph [0036] of the specification. It is respectfully submitted that the feature of claim 23 where spraying and feeding water into the rotary tub is only performed once while the rotary tub is rotated by rotational inertia, just before the spin-drying terminates patentably distinguishes over the cited prior art.

CONCLUSION

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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